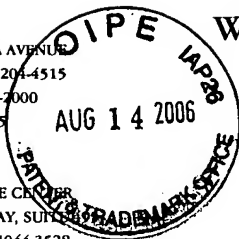


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**Re: U.S. Patent Application of Mitchell A. FRIEDMAN for his "BLENDING
PUMP ASSEMBLY"; Serial No.: 10/719,605; Filed: November 21, 2003
Our Docket No. 009053.00022**

Honorable Commissioner:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Amendment and Response to the Official Action dated 05/24/2006 (18 pages plus 12 pages of formal drawings including 4 pages of replacement drawings with copies showing markup and 2 new drawing pages).
2. Our post card. Please date stamp and return.

Applicant hereby asserts that it is entitled to small entity status.

In the event that Applicant has overlooked the need for any petition for an additional extension of time to file the enclosed papers, petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s).

Please charge any unanticipated fees, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No.: 50-1479 (a duplicate copy of this charge authorization is attached).

Should you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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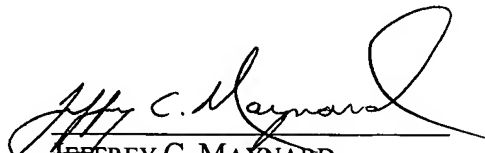
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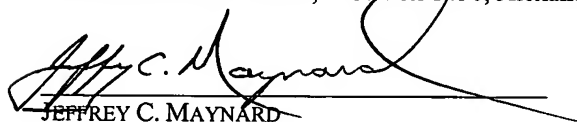
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Honorable Commissioner:

This communication is being timely submitted in response to the Examiner's official action mailed 05/24/2006, a final action. Please consider the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification, as noted on the pages that follow.

On page 9--amend the third paragraph.

On page 9--amend the fifth paragraph and add a new paragraph after the fifth paragraph.

On page 9--amend the eighth paragraph.

On page 10--amend the first full paragraph.

On page 10--amend the last paragraph that carries over to page 11.

On page 11--amend the last paragraph that carries over to page 12.

On page 12--amend the last full paragraph.

On page 16--amend the first full paragraph and the paragraph that carries over to page 17.

On page 17--amend the first full paragraph.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 20 and amend claims 3, 14, 15, 21, 23, 26, and 27, as noted on the pages that follow.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace the drawings for Figures 1, 2b, 4a, and 7 with the new replacement drawings for the same figures. Applicant submits for consideration the accompanying replacement drawings that have been amended to include features described in the specification and claims, yet not shown in the drawings. Marked-up drawings are provided for the convenience of the Examiner to highlight the changes. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and authorization by the Examiner to replace the drawings.

Please add Figures 4b and 4c. Applicant submits, for consideration, the accompanying new drawing for Figures 4b and 4c, which includes features described in the specification and claims, yet not shown in the drawings. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and authorization by the Examiner to add the same.